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Dear Harold,

Here's Chapter IX, called WAS OSWALD A SPY?

I will be very grateful for your comments. Please be as frank as is your habit. I appreciate it more than you can imagine.

I do hope you have fully recovered. A few years ago, at my dear old mother's suggestion, I started taking a lot of vitamin C. I've hardly had a sniffle since.

I showed Elizabeth your good comments on smelling and stinking. She looked at me and said, with full confidence, that she certainly did not write that particular configuration of words and phrases. She explained that even though Blossom lived next to her room, she did not think Blosson smelled or stunk. That, she explained, was some idea her parents had. We looked at the original copy, and she was correct. I had to confess that it crept into the story when I typed it for the newspaper. It was a parental idea. I happen to know better, to appreciate your comment, but I was making the biggest mistake an adult can ever make--trying to sound like a child. I got caught. Harold, you smell; I stink!

Many thanks for everything. Best to Miss Lil.

Yours,